

POLICE BEAT

By Jeremy Cline
Bullet Staff Writer

Student Injury/Illness

*On Oct. 12 there was an emergency illness in Chandler Hall. Apparently the sick individual was shaking but refused transport by squad to the emergency room.

*On Oct. 19 a student was injured in Chandler Hall and was experiencing pain in their leg. The individual was transported by squad to the emergency room.

*On Oct. 20 an ill student in Trinkle Hall was taken to the Health Center.

*On Oct. 23 a student in Virginia Hall was experiencing difficulty breathing and was transported by squad to the emergency room.

DUI/DIP

*On Oct. 15 Moncure Brown, a non-student of Culpepper, was charged with driving under the influence (DUI) near William St. and Moncure St.

*On Oct. 15 Victor Callahan, a non-student of North Carolina, was charged with DUI near Rt. 1 and College Ave.

*On Oct. 21 an intoxicated student in Randolph Hall was transported by squad to the emergency room.

*On Oct. 22 John Maguire, a non-student of Falls Church, was charged with drunk in public (DIP) near the entrance gate to Goolrick Hall.

*On Oct. 22 Harlan Jent, a non-student of Stafford, was charged with DUI, possession of marijuana, and failure to appear in court in Prince William county. Jent was arrested after a routine traffic stop near Rt. 1 and Powhatan St.

Larceny

*On Oct. 12 there was a report of a credit card theft and fraud that occurred at the Simpson Library. The incident is still under investigation.

*On Oct. 14 property was stolen from a vehicle at the Battlefield. The property was valued at \$500.

*On Oct. 18 some items were stolen from a vehicle at the Battlefield. The property was valued at \$150.

*On Oct. 18 a mountain bike was stolen from the front of Randolph Hall. The bike was valued at \$150.

*On Oct. 18 a license plate was stolen from a vehicle in the Sunken Rd. lot. *On Oct. 18 a student I.D. was stolen from the Eagle's Nest.

*On Oct. 18 a compact disc worth \$60 was stolen from Mercer Hall.

*On Oct. 19 a bike, valued at \$150, was stolen from Mason Hall.

*On Oct. 20 a wallet, valued at \$20, was stolen from Seabock Hall.

*On Oct. 20 a college I.D. was stolen from Willard Hall.

*On Oct. 23 a radio, valued at \$300, was stolen from the Sunken Rd. lot.

Trespassing

*On Oct. 11 two solicitors were found outside of George Washington Hall attempting to sell perfume. The individuals were barred from campus.

*On Oct. 24 Brian Holmes, a non-student from Ohio, was selling found to be selling magazines in New Hall and was charged with trespassing.

Misc.

*On Oct. 11 campus police received a third party sexual assault report concerning an incident that occurred on campus on Sept. 15. The incident is under investigation.

*On Oct. 11 there were signs of a breaking and entering in Seabock Hall. It is unknown what anything was stolen.

*On Oct. 12 .22 caliber ammunition was found on campus near Lee Hall.

*On Oct. 14 Paul Busch, a non-student of Fredericksburg, was charged with possession of marijuana. Police found the marijuana during a routine traffic stop.

*On Oct. 14 campus police received a report of someone throwing some sort of liquid out of a second story window in Custis Hall.

*On Oct. 23 there was a fire alarm in Russell Hall, apparently due to a malfunction.

SENATE BEAT

By Carl Poole
Bullet Staff Writer

Academic Affairs Chair Elise Balkin addressed Senate Wednesday to answer questions about faculty changes in the curriculum requirements. Plans to reorganize general education requirements in addition to creating new global, oral, environmental and race/gender intensive courses categories should be completed by the faculty next semester according to Balkin. These new course requirements won't be in effect until the fall of 1997, for that year's entering freshmen.

Senate president and SGA vice president Annelynn Tappscott was not present on Wednesday. She was absent due to family matters. Senate Vice President, Chris Stewart announced to Senate

that although he could not follow through on his plans to extend Health Center hours, he is working to set up some type of after-hours self-help center so students can continue to have some Health Center access.

Stewart also announced in his report to Senate that there is now better for in the Eagle's Nest.

The newest committee chair, Maura Krut of the 24/7 Visitation Committee, encouraged senators to join her committee in the "hard work" ahead. Krut's committee will present a proposal on visitation at the end of the semester.

New Hall senator Carl Inge motioned that the Handbook Committee look into creating an appeals process for the new judicial sanctions. Inge, after pleading guilty for a visitation violation, explained to senate that due to Judicial Review Board changes, he was given an unfair sanction and no means to

appeal it. He was unaware of the changes in sanctions, and as he had already pled guilty, he could not appeal the charge. The motion passed.

After Inge, Welfare Committee Chair Derek Brothier motioned that Senate as a whole ask the Judicial Review Board to inform the Senate Visitation Committee of any changes before that implement them. The motion passed.

A freshman senator motioned that the Rules and Procedures committee look into monitoring and recycling fliers on the campus outdoor bulletin boards. The motion passed.

Bushnell senator, Rebecca Greene motioned that microwaves be installed in Seabock Dining Hall as soon as power can be upgraded for them. The motion passed.

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Tompkin's decision to leave the college may have been due to the fact that his strength was dealing with people on a one-on-one basis, whereas his job required him to work with the public in a broader sense. His decision to leave was a mutual agreement between himself and Anderson, she said.

A search for a new vice president is currently underway and Ronald Singleton, Director of College Relations and Legislative Affairs, is filling in until someone else is hired.

Four or five other positions in the College of Advancement office are also open, which makes fundraising difficult, Singleton said.

"It's going to be a challenge to maintain the same level of support with less staff. But that is to be expected," he said.

Poyck said that she believes that all of the openings have been covered by other staff, but agrees

with Singleton that fundraising is not at its peak. "We're probably missing some very important contacts right now, as long as we don't have someone permanent," she said.

According to Singleton, the chairman of the search committee for a new vice president, interviews are still in the preliminary stages.

Candidates are given an initial interview and then recommended for the next round of interviews by Anderson. No one has gotten beyond the first interview.

"We've talked to a few people, but we haven't honed it down to a final pool. We're committed to finding the right person. I'd love to see someone by January 1. But that's very optimistic. I'd like to see someone by next summer," Poyck said.

According to Poyck, the college is waiting to fill the other openings in the department until they get a new vice president. "They [the new vice

president] will have very definite ideas of who they'd like, and what kind of structure they'd like to have," she said.

The position of the Vice President for College Advancement focuses on fundraising, public relations and admissions. The vice president serves on the alumni board and directs the Mary Washington Foundation, Singleton said.

Singleton said that the fundraising results of a particular vice president will not be seen for three to five years because of the extensive contacts necessary to get major gifts (\$10,000 and more) that make up the largest portion of fundraising results. For this reason, the direct results of Tompkin's efforts will not be seen for years, if ever.

"It's hard to attribute one year's success or lack of success without looking at many years together," Singleton said.

CORRECTIONS

In the October 12 issue of the Bullet, Joe Datta was incorrectly identified in a front page picture.

News Briefs

Campus and Student Activities

*On Friday October 27 there will be a Costumed Caper and Ghoulish Gala at the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library. The museum is located at 908 Charles Street, and the Gala is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with admission free.

*On Saturday, October 28 a seminar entitled "Steps to Starting a Business" will be held in Monroe Hall, room 202. The seminar will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and the cost is \$15. For more information please call (540) 654-1060.

*On Tuesday, October 31, Peer Educators are offering a clinic concerning birth control options, including prescription method *

contraception. In order to attend this class students must first call the Wellness Office at extension 1620. The clinic will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*On Wednesday, November 1, in the Lee Hall Ballroom, a forum concerning "Affirmative Action" will be held by the Council on Community Values and Behavioral Expectations at 7:30 p.m.

*On Saturday November 4, the 5K "AIDSWALK" will begin at 9 a.m. in Ball Circle. For more information please call (540) 654-1061.

Concerts and Performances

*On October 29 a concert will be held by the Mary Washington College Chorus in Dodd Auditorium. The concert will commence at 4 p.m. and admission is free.

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- *From November 2 through November 5, and November 9 through November 12, "Cloud 9," a comedy by Caryl Churchill, will be playing in the Klein Theater of duPont Hall. The performances will be held at 8 p.m. on all of the performance dates except for November 5 and 12 which have matinee showings times of 2 p.m.

Gallery Exhibitions

- *From October 27 through December 10, the Ridderhof Martin Gallery will hold an exhibition entitled, "Islamic Life and Culture in Iran, Photographs by Sasan Afsus". The Gallery will be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free.

House of Representatives plan to cut federal funding of student loans over \$10 billion, within the next seven years, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. Many money-saving changes are planned for current government loan policies, most which will impose a higher interest rate on the student borrower, as well as increased fees for the college. The House Committee plans include an elimination of the direct lending program, and an increase to the PLUS loan interest rate cap, from 9 percent to 11 percent. The Senate plan would also end the six month waiver period, when a student can defer loan repayment immediately after graduating or leaving college, while the government pays the interest accruing on the loans.

At this time, the Clinton administration and Democratic lawmakers are against these Republican planned cutbacks. In a recent press conference, Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education, said, "These cuts are not consistent with our people's values or our national interest in a secure economic future."

FINANCIAL AID

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years later, state funding dropped to less than half of the college's total revenue. For the 1994-95 academic year, the state funded only 48.1 percent of revenue for Mary Washington College.

Martin Wilder, vice president for admissions and financial aid, said that the increased student fees contribute much more funds to loan students.

"When state funding decreases substantially, it is very reasonable that tuition will increase, because someone has to pay [for the drop in revenue]," said Martin A. Wilder, vice president for admissions and financial aid. "The two coupled together are the main cause of the current financial aid situation."

Even though many students are taking advantage of the easily accessible financial aid, Wilder worries that students will encounter excessive problems after college.

"This financial aid situation is something to be very concerned about," said Wilder. "Students are burdening themselves with the later responsibility of heavy loan payments."

However, the future seems far away for many student borrowers.

"I'm not alarmed about the money I will have to pay back," said senior Mike Jackson. "The federal government allows plenty of time to repay the loan while it accrues reasonably low interest, and the \$15,000 that I owe is a relatively small amount."

At this time, the Office of Financial Aid is not able to meet the total student demand for financial aid.

"The financial need of Mary Washington College students has been growing at a pace which far exceeds the rate of growth of federal, state, and institutional financial aid resources," said Wilder. The college's Future Financial Aide Plan, which estimates the total student financial aid need until the year 2000, projects to satisfy this growing demand for financial aid. The plan is designed to eventually meet the financial needs of 72 percent of the students at Mary Washington College.

Despite the increased use of financial aid throughout the nation, committees in the U.S. Senate and the



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OPINIONS

Empty Ribbons?

"Why aren't you wearing a white ribbon?" The idea behind the question is surprising.

In some peoples eyes, since someone is not wearing a ribbon, they are ignorant of the problem of violence against women. It is hard to believe that such a small item could reveal so much of a someone's personal character.

This is a glaring example of a problem on campus, and in our society. People have become so enamored with af-

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fection and making showy displays of how sensitive they are to the problems of others, that more importance is now placed on the appearance that they care than actually making a difference.

Too many people are under the impression that wearing a colored ribbon in itself accomplishes something. This act, in and of itself, is hollow, shallow, and worthless. These ribbons are reduced to nothing more than cheap fashion accessories when they are not accompanied by action. How many people wear ribbons? Now, how many of these people have ever visited a shelter for battered women? The point is this: You can have a ribbon for every problem on the face of the earth (and surely there is one to match any outfit since there is one for every color in the rainbow), but they won't change anything. They are symbols-nothing more.

Now, the buzz-word associated with these ribbons is "awareness," and the idea is that the ribbons bring the problems, such as violence against women or AIDS, to the attention of the public. This is all well and good, but it also accomplishes nothing. A person can be aware of a problem as they want, but that is not going to make it go away.

It's not that there is any problem with people wearing the ribbons if they want. There is, however, a problem with people pinning the ribbon to their shirt and thinking that they have done their part for the cause. These are the same people who then feel they have license to criticize others, who choose not to make a show of their personal beliefs. Not wearing a ribbon does not make an individual unsympathetic any more than wearing one makes a person sensitive to the issue involved.

Putting bumperstickers on cars, a patch on backpacks, or a ribbon on shirts are all ways to let the world know how you feel about something. The problem is, too many people are more concerned with letting the world know how sensitive they are than doing the types of things which would prove it. By all means, go on wearing pretty little ribbons, just know that correcting all of the things wrong with this world will take a lot more than just ribbon.

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A 'One In A Million' Experience

MWC Sophomore Discusses His Experience With The Million Man March In Washington, D.C.

By Chevonne Bray
Guest Columnist

One in a million. This is a phrase used to define almost impossible odds or a chance occurrence. The chance of winning the lottery, or batting a thousand, or dating the person you've had a crush on for the past three years.

Each is an example of one in a million, but an event that can be described no other way is the Million Man March. The chance of gathering a million black men together to solve problems inherent in black communities is nothing short of miraculous.

On Oct. 16, black men heeded the call. They came from all across America and even the Atlantic. They were there for a number of reasons, but the major reason was black unity.

Black men united to clean up their communities, to clean up their acts, to clean up their reps, and to clean up their lives. This gathering was more than any other self-help meeting could be. This march is where black men rededicated themselves to Black America.

This march was not only political, but spiritual. Christians and Muslims came together as one. Rich and poor came together as brothers. The air was thick with feelings of love and purpose. Black men standing side by side pledging to join organizations to better their communities. Black men pledging to never disrespect women, black or otherwise, ever again. Black men side by side with no fear, no distrust, and no hate. Black men standing side by side with pride.

For those who mocked the march and its purpose, I say we need to

know that we can count on one another. We need to know people care and then maybe we will all care as well.

Young black men need role models. One of the purposes of the Million Man March is to reintroduce positive role models in the black community. The March was set to hopefully reestablish the roles of fathers and leaders in communities where these roles are needed.

The March also

brought together prominent figures from the black community.

Rosa Parks, Betty

Shabazz (widow of

Malcolm X), Maya Angelou, Tynetta Muhammad (widow of Elijah Muhammad, founder of the nation of Islam), Activist Reverend Al Sharpton, Dick Gregory, Reverend Jesse Jackson and Ben Chavis. The most controversial figure at the March was perhaps the star attraction: the Minister Louis Farrakhan.

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Compromise Is The Only Solution

By Christopher Moore
Guest Columnist

Catherine Stollak's article on the White Ribbon Campaign against violence against women (Bullet Oct. 12) raises issues which must be of concern to everyone. No decent person can condone the mistreatment of women. Nevertheless, there is room for reservations about some of the assumptions underlying the present campaign.

In the first place, Miss Stollak's article speaks of "ending" violence against women, and we are called upon to "work toward long-term solutions." Is this not utopian? There has never been a society free of violence, whether against women or in general. There is no ultimate "solution" to the problem of human aggression. It can be checked, or channeled in socially useful ways, but no one has ever discovered any way to eliminate it.

But if the end proposed is unrealistic, let us look at the means suggested to achieve it. The most important is "education." Professor Kilmartin is credited with the view that hitherto "little effort has been given to educating men on how to relate to women." This is an extraordinary statement. All societies condemn acts such as rape, and all are concerned to transmit to their rising generations some guiding principles regarding relations between the sexes.

Much of the world's literature is devoted to this theme as well. What makes Professor Kilmartin think he is on to something new? What makes

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the campaigners think their "education" will succeed in eradicating something that six-thousand years of civilization have never done more than keep within moderate bounds?

The article goes on to state that "traditionally, when speaking of assault against women, the focus has been on the various ways in which women can protect themselves." This is also patently false. Traditionally, men-husbands, fathers, brothers- have been more protective of women than they are commonly today. Think only of the bygone practice of "chaperoning"

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Letters to the Editor

Student Questions The Purpose Of Consuming Alcohol

During my first couple weeks here at Mary Washington, I was shocked to find that it was such an alcohol-oriented campus. When I visited here I was told that alcohol consumption was not tolerated on campus and there were strict rules to enforce this no drinking policy. Initially I was impressed, but when I arrived in August I was stunned at the amount of alcohol consumed by the students.

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Personally, I have no desire to drink. I will admit, however, that I had considered it, but when the opportunity came along I decided against it. Although it is not for me, I see nothing wrong with drinking socially; however, I can't see how drinking for the sole purpose of getting drunk can be classified as having an enjoyable time. I know that most students would say that getting drunk is not the point, but why do students, and you know who you are, sit in their dorms and drink beer after beer just to see how much alcohol they can hold?

I have seen how much power alcohol has and I have seen the damage it can do. I grew up with a guy who spent a year in prison for being involved in an alcohol-related car accident which killed a little boy.

Aside from the fact that his license is suspended indefinitely, he spent a year in jail, and now he has to live

the rest of his life with the guilt of taking another person's life.

This is just one of the many reasons I have decided not to drink. I guess I may never know why people feel the need to consume alcohol, but I know that I never want to put myself in that kind of danger.

Melissa Emick
freshman

Underground Needs Alcohol Instead Of Coffee

We were hanging out in the Underground the other night and we realized that the Underground is good for one thing only: a bar. What the hell were they thinking with the coffee house? It was a noble attempt to use the Underground wisely. However, the Underground was meant to serve alcohol. It was intended to be a place where-of-age students can go to drink a beer and discuss the day's events. A place where students could do a little dance, make a little love, and get down tonight.

We know this isn't the biggest problem on campus, but it would make MWC a little more fun. Some people may consider this bitching, but we like to refer to it as food for thought. So, Zak, we're sorry that we offended you, but some of us aren't happy being unhappy.

Michael Cirami
Eric Kloss
Sean Tuffy
sophomores

Visitation Policy Treats Freshmen Like Children

As freshmen, we thought we had escaped from home, but our parents' stern hands are still hovering over our heads in the form of a strict visitation policy. I made the foolish mistake of assuming that when I became a legal adult, respectful treatment would pursue-not in the hallowed halls of Mary Washington.

When I arrived at MWC, friends from various other Virginia college and universities began calling me and discussing their dorm life. With these explanations of other institutions, I made the grim discovery that MWC's visitation policy was tyrannical! UVA, JMU, George Mason, Virginia Tech and VCU all permit 24-hour and opposite sex overnight visitation. Mary Washington's freshmen policy, however, allows no opposite sex visitation and the latest possible visitation time of 2 a.m.

Was I the only one shocked and disturbed by this discovery? I began to explore and found I did not stand

alone. Freshman Allison Baker commented, "we pay to live here, yet they still manage to tell us who we can and cannot have stay with us." Freshman Meghan Hoffman said, "I don't understand why they are treating us like children, I think we are adult enough to be responsible for our own actions."

These views are the opinions, I am sure, most of the freshman class possess. Besides the blatant fact that we are adults and we do pay for our "lux" lodging, another key development remains. By MWC disallowing people to stay overnight because of their gender, the college is operating a policy of sexual discrimination. Freshman Eileen Skeoch said, "I don't feel it is fair that the school can tell us that based on people's gender they can't stay overnight."

Overnight visits and 24-hour visitation for MWC freshmen is a privilege we should all receive, but it is a distant dream. Adulthood in the eyes of the college obviously means very little. Upholding a policy of nondiscrimination also seems to

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FEATURES

Retreat Focuses On Cultural Differences And Similarities

By Amy Lin
Bullet Staff Writer

Mary Washington College's Multicultural Center sponsored its fourth annual Cultural Retreat on Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Campus Center.

Ameeta Vashee, assistant dean of the Multicultural Center, who coordinated the retreat, oversaw registration and welcomed approximately 50 participants with a continental breakfast.

According to Vashee, all student organization leaders were invited to attend and any interested MWC students could have participated even though most of the participants were from ethnic clubs like the Asian Student Association, Black Men of a New Direction, the Black Student Association, the Hispanic Student Association, the Hispanic Student Association and Voices of Praise.

"This is about bringing different groups together...It's probably one of the more diverse programs we've ever had," said Forrest Parker, vice-president for multicultural affairs.

The officers of the various ethnic groups attended as

participants in the day's activities and also brought ethnic dishes for the lunch menu.

"I grew up in a very diverse area. I like to seek that out when I go to new places," said sophomore Lee Harper, secretary of the Hispanic Student Association.

After breakfast, the students watched *The Color of Fear*, a film by director Lee Mun Wah which dealt with the racial perceptions of eight men from different cultural backgrounds.

After the film, Associate Dean for Student Activities Cedric Rucker led an "interactive discussion session" that encouraged the viewers to share their race-related observations and experiences.

"I've heard horrible things about the situation on campus, but I haven't personally been affected by any wrongdoings, multicultural wrongdoings, but I still think there is a far was to go before there's harmony of any sort on campus," said sophomore Kia Greenfield.

The discussion was followed by a cultural lunch with ethnic dishes cooked by some Multicultural Center faculty and students. There was a variety of American, Asian, African and European foods.

After lunch, Parker supervised a cultural activity that separated the participants into groups at seven tables.

Each group was instructed to play a card game without speaking. The winners of each game moved to the next table where the rules were changed without their knowledge.

This activity was designed to illustrate how individuals reacted to peer pressure. According to Parker, some "new" players tried to impose their rules on the table, while others submitted to the table's rules without resistance.

According to junior Sam Clayton, it was his duty as an officer of the Black Student Association to attend the retreat and to better educate himself about race relations.

"I say because of the fact that there are less of black people, kind of less of each color, because it is a smaller school, we tend to talk to each other a little more," said Clayton.

A dessert social with more multi-ethnic foods concluded the cultural retreat and allowed participants to get better acquainted.

"Like being around culturally diverse people and open-minded people. By me attending these functions, I take what I learn here and I instill it back on campus," said sophomore Latoya Clay.

According to Vashee, a similar cultural retreat is planned for next year. She said that the Multicultural Center would like to see more participants from the



Amy Lin/Bullet

(l.-r.) Sophomores Manuel Cantreras, Latoya Clay and Lee Harper participated in the Cultural Retreat last Saturday.

general student body.

Parker added that he hopes more students will start to use the Center's resources and that the programs like the retreat will give students a better cultural understanding of each other.

Harper said that she enjoyed the retreat.

"I've made my own situation improve by joining lots of multicultural organizations. I think that if you want the full experience at Mary Washington, you ought to, you should, you need to go ahead and seek out diversity," said Harper.

Annual Ghost Walk Lifts Halloween Spirits In Fredericksburg

By Cathrine Stollack
and Dana Birkholz
Bullet Staff Writers

In two nights every ghost, goblin and ghoul from Fredericksburg's past revisited the streets of Old Town. The Civil War soldiers cared for at Kenmore returned to perform their final mortal days and the actual ghost of Fielding Lewis, brother-in-law to George Washington, was coerced into action by a seance.

These and several other hauntings and mysteries have become the biggest fund raisers for Mary Washington's Historic Preservation Club through the annual Ghost Walk according to the club's President Heather Keister.

For the past 11 years a committee of three members has organized the Ghost Walk, Keister said, and this year seniors Barbara Copp and Angela Tweedy and junior Liz Weaver made up the committee.

This year Ghost Walk, Tweedy said, consisted of 14 sites along Old Town Fredericksburg where tour guides brought groups of 30 or more people around to see various re-enactments of history and actual ghost sightings.

Weaver participated last year as a tour guide, but said that she did not realize how much work actually went into the making of the popular tour.

"It was a very stressful event, but I had a

blast doing it," Weaver said.

According to Tweedy, approximately 80 volunteers helped out this year. The volunteers, not all Historic Preservation majors, helped with various aspects of the event including leading the tours, serving refreshments, acting at the 14 sites, and continually checking on everyone to make sure everything was running smoothly.

The tour, which lasted an hour and fifteen minutes, included stops along the Hugh Mercer statue and Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop, the James Monroe Museum, the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg, St. George's Episcopalian Church, the median strip that runs along Kenmore, Smythe's Cottage, Wheeler House and Mary Washington houses.

A tour left every fifteen minutes from Market Square between 6-9 p.m. and cost \$3 a person (on October 20 and 21). According to Keister and Tweedy, a lot of the sites this year were made to be funny and to entertain rather than scary.

Keister acted on Saturday night in the "amputation portico" which depicted the amputations of soldiers' legs that took place at Kenmore Field Hospital during the Civil War. According to Tweedy, this scene was one of the most popular.

While a civil war soldier awaits consultation, the doctor arrives in a car complaining of terrible traffic to his audience. This doctor then proceeds to amputate the

Photos courtesy of Liz Weaver



soldier's leg in an over-exaggerated, slap stick fashion, said Tweedy.

Another historical scene created to make the tour's laugh was the Wheeler house re-enactment which told the story of the great fire of Fredericksburg in 1807. While a funeral is performed in front of the house, two



Left: Ghost Walk participants scare the crowds with their stories of ghosts in the graveyard; **Top Left:** Seniors Heather Keister and Aron Smith provide a crowd-pleasing rending of civil war surgery; **Top:** Sophomores Mike Beck and Tom Merrigan gave a crowd pleasing performance as two drunk cooks during the tour.

drunk cooks now the house to catch on fire, according to Ghost Walk's interpretation. The cooks were played by sophomores Tom Merrigan and Mike Beck, who enjoyed their time as volunteers.

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Comedian Cracks Up Crowd In The Underground



Jennifer Landis/Bullet

On Oct. 23, comedian Brett Leake gave a benefit performance in the Underground. Chris Kilmartin, associate professor of psychology and chairman of White Ribbon Week, was Leake's opening act. The proceeds from the benefit, reaching nearly \$900, went to The Rappahannock Councils on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The crowd of over 100 people, split 50/50 with students and Fredericksburg residents, enjoyed the clean brand of humor of both Kilmartin and Leake. The concert was a part of this week's "White Ribbon Campaign: Ending Men's Violence Against Women."

C.O.A.R. Faces Budget Cuts

By Lattice Hawkes
Bullet Staff Writer

Mary Washington College's Community Outreach and Resources program stands to lose funding if a national program is discontinued by Congress this year.

C.O.A.R. will suffer huge cutbacks if Congress decides to defund AmeriCorps, according to Elizabeth Whiston-Dean, director of C.O.A.R. AmeriCorps, a national service organization, has been helping to fund MWC's C.O.A.R. since 1994. Both the House of Representatives and Senate have voted already to defund the program for next year.

According to Whiston-Dean, C.O.A.R.'s budget from the college is \$10,000 for programming, a figure which has not increased since the organization's start in 1990. AmeriCorps provides an extra \$2,000 for programming and pays the salaries and benefits of their two staff members, Bob New and Charlene Hildebrand. New and Hildebrand receive \$8,000 each for living allowances, and each will receive \$4,725 as an educational benefit after completion of the program.

New and Hildebrand take their jobs seriously and feel they are a definite asset to MWC.

"AmeriCorps is providing me the opportunity to continue working in the community service field without worrying about paying outstanding student loans," said New. "I'm able to work in a job I enjoy as opposed to a normal paying job."

If AmeriCorps is discontinued, not only will C.O.A.R. lose New and Hildebrand and 20 percent of its budget, but it will also lose a new program MWC has in conjunction with Germana Community College and Orange County High School. That program, Educational Service Partnership, provides tutoring, mentoring, and community services to area schools and agencies.

According to Whiston-Dean, it will be virtually impossible to keep the program going without the help of New and Hildebrand. She says C.O.A.R. will attempt to keep the program but it will be difficult because this program is New and Hildebrand's main focus and "[they] are creating programs at Orange County High School and Germana Community," said Whiston-Dean.

C.O.A.R. is a student organization that was started by student leaders in the fall of 1990. Its purpose is to serve the community through volunteer efforts. According to Whiston-Dean, students provided 16,000 hours of service last year. She also stated that faculty and staff participate in many of the programs.

According to Whiston-Dean, if AmeriCorps is eliminated many of the programs will not be cut, but there will be a profound impact on them, mainly because of the lack of staff. C.O.A.R. will have to spend more time emphasizing fundraising to pick up the slack from the loss of funds. Whiston-Dean said that C.O.A.R. was set up to do programs, though, not fundraising.

AmeriCorps is a national service organization that started in 1994. It provides

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Wilco Rocks!

Above: Jeff Tweedy (acoustic guitar, vocals), John Stirratt (bassist), and Max Johnston (banjo) rock the house at the Underground.

Middle: Johnston (in the middle with the fiddle) showcased his many talents with stringed-instruments and left the crowd in awe of his abilities.

Below: Ken Coomer (drums) kept the beat flowing as Tweedy, Stirratt, and Johnston played hit after hit from Wilco's "A.M." debut on Reprise Records.

Staff Photos by Karen Pearlman

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title would have been "Candyman II: Farewell to Any Sort of Connection to Clive Barker's Original Story."

3. Child's Play: I think the name about sums this one up. What was the director thinking anyway? "The script? Hah, child's play. The cast? Hah, child's play. The plot? Hah, child's play. The title? Hah, child's play. Hey! I like it!" And for what its worth, I get more scared watching reruns of "Renegade" with Lorenzo Lamas than I do watching this movie.

4. Dead-Alive: You gotta love movie that has more blood than the Red Cross, more intestines than the menu at Seacock, and perhaps the best use of a toilet since "Critters." Yeah, you gotta love this movie. You just do.

5. Return of the Living Dead Part III: The only redeeming factor about this movie was the resourceful use of body-piercing. Otherwise, this movie had a lot of holes in it (geddit?).

6. Bridges of Madison County: Probably the most under-rated fright film of its time, this one scared the hell out of me. I don't know, but seeing Clint Eastwood playing Mr. Sensitive would even make Freddy Krueger pee himself.

7. And speaking of Freddy: A New Nightmare: Hey Wes, how 'bout a new idea? Or maybe a new character? Or maybe a new plot? Yeah, we know about that new Freddy vs. Jason movie that's in production. Three words: Get Over It!

8. Bride of the Monster: Ah yes, the classic work of one Edward Wood, Jr. Bela Lugosi gives an Oscar caliber performance, especially at the end when he was being eaten alive by his pet octopus, and Wood's distinct use of stock footage just made the entire movie run smoother and smoother. This is one true gem.

9. Faces of Death: And each of them was just a mask...

10. Friday the 13th, Part XVCMDUP: Jason Goes to Shady Acres Retirement Home: In Donald Pleasence's true last performance, the two old fogies battle it out over who has the nicest grandchildren, who has the most Social Security benefits, and whose hiatal hernia hurts more. And you'll never guess who wins.

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was transfixed watching them. Another one of those times was later in the show when they played Blues Traveler's "But Anyway" and after the first chorus miraculously morphed the song into reggae. Um, can you say wow? And that is only one of the 49 covers they know. But the covers are rarely played, instead preferring to play one of their own 24 originals. There was one detraction from their

show. At points, they get too much into foreign genres, such as country or jazz. Now it is a measure of their talent that they are able to do this, but I just found it a little annoying. But that was my only problem with the band.

The band consists of Kyle Crosby on keys, Kyle Palomary on drums, Damon Siford on lead guitar and vocals, Brian Durett on bass and

Drew Kullman on lead vocal and acoustic guitar.

Augustus Gloop has played at all of the Fredericksburg venues as well as CBGBs in New York, 15 minute club and the Bayou in D.C., and the Freedomfest on July 4th at the Washington Monument. They also just returned from a Fall Tour which took them from Philadelphia to NYC to Atlanta.

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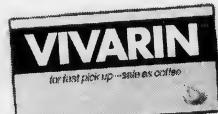
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"The opportunity to be dead, cross dressed, and drunk is an unparalleled experience," Merrigan and Beck said.

Ghost Walk is an event enjoyed by Mary Washington students and community members. According to Tweedy, the tour has become so popular that on Saturday night, they had to turn people away.

"Despite the rain I think it was a success. People in Fredericksburg are interested in the stories especially this time of year," said Tweedy.

MWC students also turned out to take the tour and see their friends.

Hollie Writtenberry, a freshman who took the tour on Saturday night, said, "I was really impressed by the entire event. It really got me in the

Halloween spirit. I'll definitely go back next year."

Freshman Jen Hughes also attended the tour and said, "For \$3 it was a really good way to spend the evening. The sites were really funny and I enjoyed seeing my friends who acted in it. I've learned that my friends make really good dead people."

According to Copp and Weaver, approximately 800 people attended, raising \$3800 for the club.

"The willingness of people to volunteer their time, the permission of property owners to use their sites and the tradition of Ghost Walk itself made it a success," said Copp.



Courtesy of Liz Weaver

Ghost Walk participants re-enact the fire of 1807 at the Wheeler House.

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community services and creates programs to improve existing services according to New and Hildebrand. New and Hildebrand are two of the 20,000 members belonging to AmeriCorps.

Wendi Grassi, a spokesperson for the Corporation for National Services, takes a strong stand on AmeriCorps, and feels that the Republicans in Congress are just trying to cut any and every program possible. "This is a wonderful program and should not be cut," said Grassi.

Republican Senator Charles Grassley is a major opponent for the continuation of AmeriCorps. Grassley's Legislative Aid Dean Zerbe said the Republicans have had unsuccessful attempts at working with President Clinton to improve the program. Zerbe said Grassley wrote President Clinton approximately one month ago about re-inventing AmeriCorps to cut down its cost. Zerbe said that by re-inventing the program they could try to cut the cost of the program back to its original cost.

According to Zerbe, the AmeriCorps program cost \$27,000 per person opposed to the proposed original cost of \$17,000 per person. He said this cost is supposed to be a 50/50 deal between taxpayers and the private sector, but the way the program is set up right now the taxpayers are footing 92 percent of

the cost.

Zerbe said his problem with the program is that it is not targeted to college students but that anyone can join the program and receive the benefits no matter how little or how much money they have. He said

Grassley is only looking out for the taxpayer. "We want to make sure taxpayers' dollars are spent wisely," said Zerbe.

Zerbe refuted the charges that Grassley made about the cost of AmeriCorps. Grassi said that only \$17,000 of the AmeriCorps funds comes from the federal taxpayer's money for each member. She said that the rest of the money comes from communities, police departments, colleges, and others in the private sector. Grassi said that AmeriCorps is required by law to raise \$30 million a year from private sources and that they have raised three times that amount already this year. According to Grassi, of the \$17,000 per participant, only 7 percent goes to administrative overhead and the rest of the money goes to running the program. "We have not spent a dime more than we were supposed to," said Grassi.

According to Grassi, both the Senate and House have voted to get rid of the program, but she still remains hopeful that the program will not be cut. "We are pretty sure the President will not let the program die," she said.

As for the C.O.A.R. program, Whiston-Dean said they are working to get to a point where they don't need New and Hildebrand, just in case the program is eliminated. "We retain optimism that the program will still be around next year, but we can't assume it will be," said Whiston-Dean.

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-according to Elizabeth Whiston-Dean
Director of C.O.A.R.

people that don't even need the money join the program anyway. He also pointed out that thousands of students do volunteer work every year without receiving any monetary benefits. He compared the AmeriCorps grants with the Pell Grants: "Eighteen people could be getting Pell Grants as opposed to receiving one AmeriCorps grant," said Zerbe.

Zerbe also stated that of the \$27,000 that is being spent, the student only sees approximately \$13,000. He said the rest of the money is squandered on overhead and bureaucracy. Zerbe said that

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You are strongly encouraged to participate in the *Stressful Life Events Study*.

Some time this year you will be asked to participate in a large scale study that is being conducted at five local campuses: Georgetown University, Mary Washington College, University of the District of Columbia, University of Maryland at College Park, and Howard University. This study, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and awarded to Georgetown University, will investigate women's exposure to a variety of stressful and traumatic life events and psychological reactions to them. Throughout the next two years, approximately 9,000 sophomore will be surveyed through the mail about such experiences. A subset of women will be followed up by telephone and personal interview. Those who are selected for a personal interview, based on their history, will receive \$25. All information is confidential. The investigator at Mary Washington College is Dr. Carole Corcoran, in the Department of Psychology. Please watch your mail for the survey forms and return them as soon as possible. Thanks for your help!

SPORTS

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Bullet Players of the Week



Caitlin McGurk



Jon Gates

For the fifth straight year, both the men's and women's cross country teams, have captured their respective Capital Athletic Conference titles.

The men were led by junior Jon Gates, the women were paced by sophomore Caitlin McGurk. Gates, medalist in the 8,000-meter race, was named the CAC Runner of the Year, and is an All-CAC runner for the third time. McGurk, medalist in the 5,000 meters, was named the CAC Runner of the Year for the second time, and named to the All-CAC team.

Also named first-team All-CAC runners were junior Justin Gerberreus and freshman Brian Conner for the men, as well as senior Allison Coleman for the women.

Men's Rugby Wins Division

The Men's Rugby Team defeated the College of William and Mary, Oct. 21, 17-8. The win clinched the title of the Virginia Rugby Union's Eastern Division. The win also meant that the team will be one of the No. 1 seeded teams in the Ed Lee Cup. This tournament is the Virginia state championship, and will take place Oct. 28-29. In the first round of the tournament, the team will face Longwood College. The other No. 1 seed, whom MWC could meet in the final, is Virginia Tech.

In the game against William and Mary, tries were scored by scrumhalf Nick Gwyther and winger Jeff Seaman. Sean Forde added two conversions and a penalty kick.

Soccer Earns Top Seed

The men's soccer team earned the No. 1 seed in the Capital Athletic Conference tournament with a pair of wins this week over conference opponents.

On Oct. 18, the Eagles buried Gallaudet University, 6-0. Sophomore Gustavo Rodriguez and freshman Jay Hartey both had a goal and an assist in the game. Sophomore Jason Fusaro tallied his team-leading seventh assist in the game.

On Oct. 22, the team blanked Salisbury State University, 1-0. Both teams were 6-0 in conference play, entering the game. Fusaro scored late in the first half to give the Eagles the win, and the top see din the post-season tournament.

Fusaro and junior Chris Bleloch lead the team with 17 points apiece heading into the tournament.

Upcoming Events . . .

Men's Soccer (11-3-2)

- Oct. 27 - CAC Championships Semifinals at the Battleground, TBA.
- Oct. 29 - CAC Championships Final at the Battleground (if Mary Washington advances), TBA.

Womens' Soccer (9-4-1)

- Oct. 26 - CAC Championships Semifinals at MWC vs. Goucher College at the Battleground, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 28 - CAC Championships Final at the Battleground, 1 p.m. (if Mary Washington advances)

Field Hockey (12-2)

- Oct. 26 - CAC Championships Semifinals: MWC vs. Goucher College at the Battleground, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 29 - CAC Championships Final, at h

Womens' Volleyball (24-13)

- Oct. 31 - CAC Championships Quarterfinals

Men's Rugby

- Oct. 28 - Ed Lee Cup (state championships) vs. Longwood College vs. James Madison U. / Univ. of Richmond winner
- Oct. 29 - Ed Lee Cup Championship match

Fall Baseball (8-1)

- Fall season completed.

Football (5-0)

- Beat William Smith, 38-7.

Doubles Team Sixth in Tournament

School's No. 1 Team Places in National Tournament Despite Injury in Training

By Les Shaver
Bullet Staff Writer

Kirsten Erickson and Leah Morris placed sixth in the Rolex National Small College Tennis Championships in Boca Raton, Fla. last weekend. This accomplishment is quite a feat. The team managed to finish sixth despite the fact that Erickson was competing with a broken wrist.

The sophomore Erickson and the freshman Morris earned the right to compete in Boca Raton by winning the Rolex Southeastern Regional Championship at MWC earlier this month. Morris and Erickson emerged from the 32 team field after beating state rivals Natalia Garcia and Julie Ayers from Washington and Lee University.

This tournament victory surprised Morris.

"If you would have told me at the beginning of the year we would go to the National Tournament, I would not have believed it," Morris said.

Erickson agreed with her teammate saying, "It is quite an honor to go to the National Tournament."

In spite of this success, Morris and Erickson still felt there was more to accomplish. However, some times the best laid plans can develop hitches. This was definitely the case on this occasion, as Erickson suffered a broken wrist during training less than a week before the

tournament.

While this injury placed some doubts within Erickson's head about her ability to compete, those doubts were soon alleviated. "I just decided I wanted to play," Erickson said.

To the two competitors the broken wrist became a rallying point. According to Morris, "It pumped me up because we were not expected to do much."

With a source of motivation and high hopes the duo began play in Boca Raton against Kristen Sherrill and Shelly Smart of Ohio Wesleyan. After a solid start with a 7-5 victory in the first set, Erickson and Morris dropped the next two sets, 6-4, 6-4.

"We should have played better regardless of the circumstances," Morris said, frustrated by the defeat.

Morris and Erickson bounced back against Kristen Antonyan and Kathleen Moynihan, soundly beating the Nazareth College students, 6-4 and 6-3. Erickson said he key to victory in this match was, "playing sound doubles and being aggressive."

With a victory and a loss in Boca Raton, the MWC duo then faced Dana Johnson and Jill Kossman of Luther College in the consolation round of the tournament.

"We came out strong, but we were not as aggressive at the end," Morris said.

This was reflected in the score, as Morris and Erickson dropped the final sets 7-6 and 6-2, after winning the first set 6-2.

The eventual champions of the tournament were Garcia and Ayers of



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Kirsten Erickson, left, and Leah Morris, right, earned the right to compete in the Rolex National Tournament in Boca Raton, Fla.

Washington and Lee, who were invited to participate in the tournament as wild cards. This was the team which Erickson and Morris defeated to get into the tournament in the first place.

The Washington and Lee team knocked off Sherrill and Smart in the finals for the

"We could have been in Washington and Lee's place," Morris said.

In spite of their frustration, Morris and

Erickson put in strong performances in the face of difficult circumstances, and they may get another shot at the national title in the years to come.

Morris claimed that if there was one lesson they learned from the experience it was to be more aggressive. This, along with a strong recovery from Erickson, should help the pair, and the Mary Washington team in the future.

Eagle Swim Teams Hope to Continue Winning Traditions

By Eric Gaffen
Bullet Staff Writer

The men's and women's swimming team both have strong winning traditions since the inception of the Capital Athletic Conference five years ago. The

team needs to pursue and achieve their goals. Carter and Lewis are both returning All-Conference swimmers from last year, and Wagner is returning to the pool one year after his 1994 double CAC breaststroke wins. Junior Tim Selgas captured the 100 and 200-yard butterfly at CACs, setting a conference record in the latter.

O ther returning All-Conference swimmers are juniors Ade Ing, Matt Kennedy, Todd Leatherman and Steve Smith, and sophomores Matt Anderson, Billy Trout, and Chris Rice.

"We have a strong men's team," said new coach Matt Kinney. "We have a nice shot at taking



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Eagle swimmers hope to leave others in their wake.

conference meet."

The women, coming off their 15th straight winning dual-meet season (7-2), will look to once again win CAC's, and qualify some swimmers for nationals. The tri-captains on the women's side are seniors Eliza Barcus, Liz Darcy, and Nancy

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Women's Soccer Beats Rival Stefanie Teter Moves into Second Place on Scoring List

By Zak Billmeier
Bullet Sports Editor

The rivalry between North Carolina Wesleyan and Mary Washington has always been an intense one. When the Battling Bishops rolled into town last weekend, a close, hard-fought game was expected.

The latter was true, but the end of the mud drenched match had the Eagles running their unbeaten streak to eight matches with a 4-0 victory.

The game started slowly, but it was quickly evident that MWC was the better team as the Eagles peppered shots over, next to, and behind the NC Wesleyan goal. Finally, after about thirty minutes of play junior Kim Hrabosky put away a cross from senior Stefanie Teter for a nice goal and a 1-0 lead.

The team went into the intermission with the same 1-0 lead. It was a deceiving one, though, as the Eagles had failed to convert on several good scoring attempts. They seemed ready to break out.

They did just that. MWC scored three goals in the second half and rolled on from there to run their record to 9-4-1. Sophomore Jaime Kwiatkowski scored her

fifth goal of 1995 to make it 2-0, and then freshman Whitney Ziskal hopped in a loose ball to make it 3-0. It was Ziskal's first goal of the season and her collegiate career.

Freshman Sara Probasco also registered her first goal, and did so in courageous fashion. Probasco blocked an attempted clear by a Wesleyan defender with her face, with such force that it flew by the opposing keeper and into an empty net for the final goal of their 4-0 win.

On an individual note, Teter moved into second place all-time on the Eagles' career scoring list with three assists in the game. Teter now has 33 goals and 32 assists in her career for 98 points. She passed Ashley Young, who had 97 points.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jen Koster made two saves while recording her eighth shutout of the season.

Teter leads the team in scoring with nine goals and five assists for 23 points. Junior Robin Kozić is second with five goals and four assists for 14 points, and Kwiatkowski is third with five goals and two assists for 12 points.



By Zak Billmeier and Brian Schumacher

Nursing bullet wounds this week:

1. Tie Domi (Or, why we love hockey)

Let us just say that we would not want to run into Mr. Domi in a dark alley (or, for that matter, the middle of Ball Circle). Domi, a forward for the Toronto Maple Leafs and the toughest man in the NHL, added to his reputation this week by flattening fellow goon, Ulf Samuelsson in a game against the New York Rangers.

This was no mere knockdown. Domi caught Samuelsson with a short left that Ali would be proud of. Samuelsson didn't even see it coming and hit the ice like his name was McNeely. He was lying in front of his own goal, out cold. And if you looked real close you could see the birds flying around his head. For this, Domi was suspended for eight games by the NHL. However, we think that seeing a cheating thug like Samuelsson go down like the pansey that he is worth the suspension. We thank you, Tie.

2. Eric LaCroix (Or, why we love hockey. Part II)

If you thought Domi got off easy with only an eight game suspension, wait'll you hear this one. A few days after the Domi incident, LaCroix, a member of the Los Angeles Kings, went a step further. LaCroix was called for a penalty, which he disagreed with, to say the least. LaCroix assumed the position in the penalty box for two minutes. When the penalty expired, LaCroix charged out of the box. The referee who had made the mistake of calling a penalty on him in the first place, had his back turned. Gee, You don't see this coming, or anything, do you? LaCroix stuck out his leg, completely swiping the ref's legs out from under him. Splat. The ref was down on the ice for a few minutes. Three-game suspension.

Does anyone even wonder why we endorse Ice Hockey as the greatest game on the planet?

3. Benny Beaver and the Anaheim Duck

So you want to be a college mascot? Well, it may not be as safe a job as you once thought. We swear, we're not making this up.

Benny is the official mascot for Oregon State University. On Oct. 21, Benny was doing his mascot thing, when the school's football team played rival, University of California-Berkeley. Mr. Beaver was getting the crowd riled up as the two teams went to their locker rooms at halftime. Then, he ran into Cal offensive tackle, Terik Glenn. Benny thought it would be funny to hit Glenn on the shoulder with a big inflatable hammer, that he was welding.

Glenn, who is 6'6" tall, and weighs a 330 lbs., turned around and slugged Benny. According to witnesses, the punch staggered Benny, and sent his head flying across the field. He

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then proceeded to throw Benny Beaver against a concrete wall.

Benny Beaver is actually Marri Hollen, a 5'9" female student at Oregon State. We can certainly see why Glenn felt so threatened by a big, air-filled hammer, being carried by a woman about half his size. No word, as of yet, on whether or not Glenn is participating in his school's upcoming white ribbon campaign.

We believe the real issue here is the violent world in which these mascots are forced to live. For how long can we continue to ignore the plights of these people. Are we going to have to wait for something to hit us close to home for us to take notice? Must we wait for something to happen to the Mary Washington College Eagle for us to confront this issue?

"People don't realize that there is a person inside of this costume," Hollen said after the incident.

Marri, we here at the Bullet feel your pain, and are now proposing a ribbon campaign on your behalf. Good luck, and Go Beavers!

In another example of the troubling world of mascots, we present what happened to the Anaheim Duck this week. Before a game, the duck, in a ploy to incite the crowd, was going to attempt to leap over a tiny ring of fire like he was Evil Kneivel. Well, let's just say he came up a bit short. Luckily, the flames were extinguished before the duck was too injured, but several of the players did complain that the ice smelled of burnt feathers.

4. The World Series

Here we go again. The best team from the American League and the best team from the National League are playing for a world championship. Baseball's best hitting team versus baseball's best pitching lineup. A team which despite its

dominance has been fighting to stave off comparisons to the Buffalo Bills against a team appearing in the postseason for the first time in 41 years.

A match made in heaven? Hardly. One of the biggest discussions has been about the offensiveness of the smiling Cleveland Indian mascot or the Atlanta Braves war chant (which was our buddy Deion's contribution.)

Those may be valid points, but there are games to be played. The mascots and war chants are not in your face, ha ha we kicked out your ancestors and built railroads taunting kind of thing. The players are being paid to play in their respective cities, and overpaid at that. The best players didn't get together and say "hey, let's play for the Indians and rub it in."

So, we think that the best possible thing that can happen is all the people standing on soapboxes step off them and smash them apart with sledghammers.

Then, everyone in the crowd could use the wood to build fires that would warm their hands in the cold confines of Jacobs Field.

5. Elvis sightings

Elvis is alive! He was sighted in St. Louis last Sunday throwing footballs to 49er receivers. Filling in for the injured Steve Young, Elvis dropped back and fired a touchdown on his first pass attempt.

Bullet office scuttlebutt had Elvis living in Argentina on a ranch with Jimmy Hoffa and Jim Morrison. Further speculation says that The King stayed in football shape by rasslin' cattle and chickin' hay bales. Hoffa and Morrison refused to comment on Elvis' training methods. The two did mention, however, that Shannon

Hoon will have to find another place to stay.

Elvis is due to fill in for the 49ers all-world quarterback for another three weeks or so. Many doubted before the game against the Rams to what extent his effectiveness would be, but he proved himself worthy of some respect with his performance. Or, he proved that the Rams really ain't worth s---.

Long live The King, and all of the wonderful cliches he gives us.

6. A serious note

On Friday night, October 20, Boston University hockey player Travis Roy skated onto the ice for his first-ever shift in college hockey. Travis had been one of the most highly recruited high school hockey players in the United States the year before. His BU Terriers were the No. 1 Division I hockey team in the country at the start of the game.

Travis headed onto the ice and immediately went across to check an opposing player. He went in for the check hard, but glanced off his opponent's shoulder and went headfirst into the boards.

He crumpled to the ice, and lay motionless. His father ran onto the ice and yelled, "Get up, Travis!" Travis just said, "It's bad, dad. I can't move." He had broken his fourth vertebrae in his neck.

He currently has no use of his arms or legs, but he can breathe on his own. The only good news that has come out to this point is that his spinal cord was not severed, increasing his chances of regaining use of his arms or even his legs. The extent of the nerve damage was unknown at press time because the spinal cord was too swelled up for doctors to tell. "We hope for the best," said his father, "but we expect the worst."

We'd like to dedicate this issue to Travis' recovery. All we can do now is hope.



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Jennifer Sydnor '97 riding "Point Blank" at the Virginia Horse Center

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7. Chicago	7. Indianapolis	7. Miami	7. Chicago
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Another senior coming off an outstanding season is Gretchen Hoyer, who won both the 100 and 200 breaststroke at CAC's, and also qualified for NCAAs with being honored as an Academic All-American in '95.

Other All-Conference returnees are juniors Ginger Newnam, Cynthia

Owen, and Emily Williams, and sophomores Charis Armstrong and Jessica Green.

"We are going to lose a bit because of the loss of Megan Reese to shoulder surgery this season (Reese was an All-American who won both the 200 and 400 individual medley at CAC's last year) and led MWC to a first-ever top ten finish at Division II

Finals. She was named CAC Swimmer of the Year. But this team has depth, and is not a one-woman team. Our goal is obviously to win the CAC Championship, but we're looking at qualifying numbers of people (men and women) for nationals," Kinney said.

These lofty goals are the work of the third head coach in as many years for both the men and women, Matt Kinney. Coach Kinney brings an accolade of achievements to MWC, despite this being his first year of head

coaching.

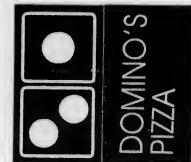
He was a member of three NCAA Division III National Championship teams at Kenyon College, captaining the team his senior year. He served as an assistant swimming coach at Division I Western Illinois while he completed course work toward a Master of Science Degree in Sports Management.

His training regimen involves the morning afternoon practice, and weights three times a week in the morning. Time-wise, the swimmers are spending equal time from last year, but feedback from the athletes show a increase in intensity. Worries about how the new coach would work out after the coaching shuffle the past two years have been quietly discarded. The new goals, rather than be feared, have been embraced by the team.

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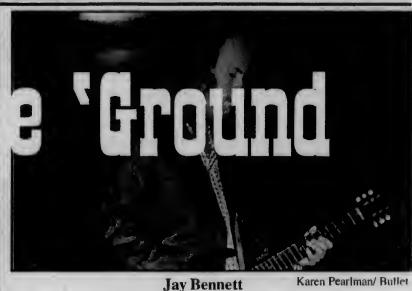
ENTERTAINMENT

Wilco Flies High In the 'Ground



Jeff Tweedy

Karen Pearlman/Bullet



Jay Bennett

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By Rob Thormeyer
Bullet Entertainment Editor

You know you're listening to a country rock and roll band when you begin to lose count of the number of alcohol references by the third song. Which was exactly the case at the Wilco / Freakwater show last Saturday night in the Underground.

Playing songs like "My Old Drunk Friend," Freakwater opened the show with their blend of country/Neil Young/muck and roll to a rather indifferent crowd in the Underground.

"It's a good thing you guys have chairs," Freakwater's lead vocalist said to the small crowd sitting on the upper two levels of the Underground, "because our music makes us dizzy when we sway to it."

And as if it was an invitation, a flock of students jumped down to the Underground floor and sat through the rest of Freakwater's show, which was nothing but cut and dry country rock.

Freakwater's main weakness was their lack of intensity, although it must be tough to play with any sort of intensity to a crowd whose main contribution to the show was some guy who kept yelling "SLURP" everytime someone took a sip of water on-stage. However, the beauty of both singers' voices

and flowing guitar rhythms would have sent most of the crowd to another dimension; a dimension which was about to be invaded by the straight-faced rock and roll of Wilco.

Hailing from the heart of the Mid-West, Wilco's ability to mix the grass-roots sound of country with a "kick out the jams" approach to rock and roll put the band in the 'Ground' in a complete frenzy.

"Our live sound is something unique; it's really been an evolving thing," said [new guitarist] Jay Bennett. "It's more guitar-based and it's probably heavier," said bassist/backing vocalist John Stiratt.

And judging by the sheer number of guitars Wilco brought with them, the guitar is the focal point of the band.

Wilco's name, which was derived from the radio term "will comply," seems a fitting name for the group. Years ago, when the band was known as Uncle Tupelo, the band was more focused on song writer Jeff Tweedy and his partner, Jay Farrar. When Farrar unexpectedly left, Tweedy regrouped and aligned himself with Stiratt, drummer Ken Coomer, stringman Max Johnston, and guitarist Bennett.

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Please see page 9 for more pictures.

"Wilco is much more of a unit than Tupelo was. [We've] always had more even playing feel, there is more of a band feeling," said Stiratt.

In concert last Saturday, Wilco displayed this unity with disarming success. From the first song throughout, Wilco blew the crowd away. Tweedy's raspy-without-Rod Stewart vocals mixed perfectly with Bennett's country twinged guitar. Multi-stringman Max Johnston nearly stole the show with his mandolin, his banjo, his fiddle, his dobro, and his steel guitar. Coomer's drums tied everything together and Stiratt's bass and background vocals seemed to be the foundation of the band. In other words, this band is a true unit; no one stands out and the unit shines.

As a band, Wilco has achieved in two years probably more than Tupelo achieved in twelve, and they are definitely in the foreground of the recent country/rock movement with the Jayhawks, another mid-western band. With an obvious bright future ahead, Stiratt is hoping for more of the same.

"[I'd just like to] go out and make a few more records and continue to play with these guys," Stiratt said.

Take In a Flick at Dodd

By Ed Ege
Special To The Bullet

Seen any good movies lately? Well, you have if you've been to Dodd Auditorium recently to catch one of the movies sponsored by the Student Activities Film Committee:

The committee, now 25 members strong, has brought twelve great movies to Mary Washington this semester including top box-office hits like Samuel L. Jackson's "Pulp Fiction," Sandra Bullock's "White You Were Sleeping," Denzel Washington's "Crimson Tide" and, more recently, Tom Hanks' "Apollo 13."

As any upperclassmen knows, the film committee didn't always get such recent films; and if they did, as was the case when "The Lion King" was going to be shown, the film loops never arrived. This year, however, the committee not only gets good movies, but is getting them on a regular basis.

Lead by co-presidents Nicole Johnson and Chrissy Robinson, the committee takes a number of requests for films from students and then votes to narrow the list to 10 to 15 movies which will be shown throughout the semester.

"Our main goal is to simply get movies the students will want to see," said sophomore Wes Heuval, a member of the publicity branch of the organization.

The films are then purchased from Swank Inc., and can cost upwards of \$100.

"[The company] sends us a catalog and we pick what we want."

said Johnson.

The movies run every weekend, but actual times and days vary. The cost is a mere one dollar, which is reasonable even by student standards. Because of low cost, turning a profit is not likely. However, this was not the case when "Pulp Fiction" was played earlier this semester.

"'Pulp Fiction' made a profit, which is the first time that has ever happened," said Johnson.

Student opinion of the films held is mostly favorable.

"I enjoy the many different choices of movies that are shown on campus, but often the sound system in Dodd is a bit weak. You need to sit in the middle, where the sound waves from the speakers cross, then you can hear the actors speak clearly," remarked freshman Dana Grue.

The sound system was purchased in 1993, and because it is relatively new, the club will not replace it. However, according to Johnson, the system will be worked over Winter break to improve the quality.

As for the future, students can expect continued hard work from the Film Committee.

"Most of the movies that are popular this fall including 'Seven' and 'To Wong Foo' should be on campus next semester," predicted Chrissy Harakal, a sophomore in the publicity branch.

Upcoming in the next few weeks at the new theater in Dodd will be "Wolf," "Candyman II," "Santa Clause,"



"Brown Sugar" Anyone?

D'Angelo will be performing at the annual Halloween dance this coming Saturday. This event is for MWC students only so get your tickets fast!

AUGUSTUS GLOOP

By Leigh Buckley Fountain
Bullet Assistant Entertainment Editor

Augustus. Gloop. Heard that name before? Seen that name before? I had. And I'd heard alot about them. So when I finally got a chance to see them, I had quite a few predispositions and not all of them were good; plus I was tired, having just gotten off work. So I went in, sort of half-heatedly interviewed the band, then grabbed a beer and sat down to watch the show.

Wow. Within thirty seconds, I was completely impressed. And it kept getting better.

They started with the first song from their new EP, "Phat" which is called "Mirage". It starts with a soft but driving acoustic guitar and then breaks bad. It features a very nice interlude with mystical keyboard driving the transition. Truly great song with an original flavor that knocked me flat.

Their music features sharp tight concise stops within the songs and endings. All of the members of the band are fun to watch not because of any freaky stage presence but because of their talent which is evident. At one point, bassist Brian Durrett played a really cool downwards riff while lead guitarist Damian Siford was playing sparse off-time funk chords. That was just one of the times when I

see LIZARD, page 9



WHO SAYS CANDY IS THE BEST PART OF HALLOWEEN?

By Rob Thormeyer and Ryan MacMichael

It was a dark and stormy night....

1. **Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers:** I guess the "curse" must have gotten to the writers, director, actors, and producers, not to mention Donald Pleasence. Hell, the movie must have been bad if it killed off the only man (Pleasence) giving George Burns a run for his money.

2. **Candyman II: Farewell to the Flesh:** Maybe a more appropriate



Gloopies

From left to right: Kyle Palmatory (drums), Brian Durrett (bass), Damian Siford (lead guitar), Drew Kullman (lead vocal and acoustic guitar), and Kyle Crosby (keyboards) of Augustus Gloop.

In Concert...In Concert



311 will be performing in the Great Hall November 6. Tickets will cost \$5 for MWC students and doors will open at 8:30. The Urge will be the opening band.

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November 6: 311

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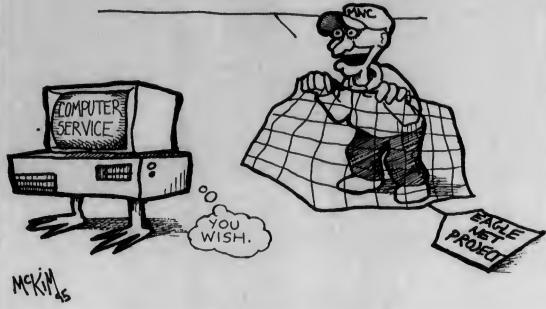
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"speak up for women's rights"-presumably as a way of reducing (or "ending") violence against them. But our culture is distinguished from others precisely by offering greater opportunities-as well as risks-to women. It can certainly be doubted whether a further extension of women's "rights" would result in less abuse. I would imagine that in Saudi Arabia, for example, where women have far fewer rights and opportunities, they are also less likely to be raped or to receive crude sexual advances from strangers.

The Western idea of equality makes for freer contact between the sexes, and this also allows trouble to occur more frequently. The idea that women's equality might actually be connected with "the current trend of violence against women" will, I realize, be unpopular. We all believe that opportunity for women is good and violence against them is bad, and it would be comforting to think we could all have the benefits of the one with nor risk of the other. But life often presents us with no perfect

solution to our problems. We must be ready to make trade-offs, accept compromises and choose the lesser evil.

The White Ribbon Campaign is well-intentioned, to be sure. But to me the idea of showing off one's support for even a good cause without effort or risk suggests an unpleasant degree of moral self-satisfaction.

On a more general note, it is remarkable how frequently the subject of sexual relations comes up in the Bullet, and how often the focus is on rape, harassment, disease and perversion. It is right to be aware of the dark side of human relations, but sad when such awareness crowds out all other considerations. Occasionally we need to be reminded of what draws us to each other in the first place: the desire for friendship, intimacy, pleasure (in a broad sense) and a kind of happiness.

Christopher Moore is an adjunct professor of philosophy.

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This one is pretty easy:

Julia Roberts and Sylvester
Stallone

Here's one that's a little harder:
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Stewart-Masterson

(a clue: this puzzle can be solved
using a movie that has yet to be
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Both of last week's answers came from Junior Nicole Johnson.

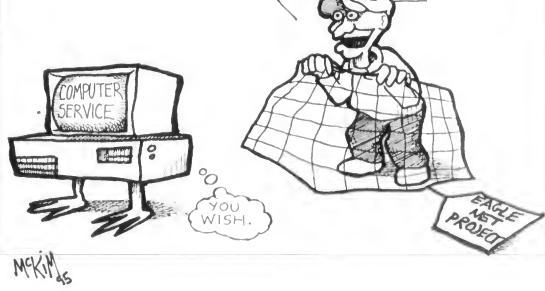
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Carl Weathers - Jesse "The Body" Ventura (Predator)

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The Movie Game

The Bullet's answer to the crossword puzzle.

Simply link movie actors through their co-stars, like so:
(Remember - connections that involve TV in any way do not count)

Here are this week's Movie Game matches

This one is pretty easy.

Julia Roberts and Sylvester Stallone

Here's one that's a little harder.
Harrison Ford and Mary Stewart-Masterson

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Hulk Hogan and Jesse "The Body" Ventura
Hulk Hogan - Carl Weathers (*Rocky*)
Jesse "The Body" - Ventura (*Rocky*)

Courtney Thorne Smith and Daphne Zuniga

Courtney Thorne Smith - C. Thomas Howell (*Sixteen Candles*, *Grease II*, *Howie*, *Patrick & Sis*)
Daphne Zuniga - Jennifer Grey (*Dirty Dancing*, *Grease II*, *Grease*, *Maniacs*, *Wind*); **Daphne Zuniga** - Gloria Estefan (*Get Down Tonight*)

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Million Man March Touches Students, Faculty

By Kelly Regan
Bulet Staff Writer

The Million Man March touched the lives of not only the event's participants, but also people around the country, as seen at a forum sponsored by Black Men of a New Direction, held on Tuesday, Oct. 24. The forum, which began with personal perspectives of the march, ended in intimate and open discussion of race and prejudice in America.

Students and faculty filled up chairs and couches of the Red Room in the Campus Center and listened as Jasper White, Cedric Rucker, Hank Lewis, and mediator Carl Poole spoke of being one in a million on the mall in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 17. Zak Billmeier, Ellen Chafee, and Dell Hagan were also on the panel and spoke of their impressions gleamed from media coverage of the march.

The Million Man March became a controversial issue in the media from the time it was called by Louis Farrakhan. Much of the coverage focused on Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, and his historically extreme views of black empowerment through separation. Criticism against Farrakhan was also strong from Jewish groups citing Farrakhan previous anti-Semitic statements. Criticism was also offered from some women's groups who opposed women's exclusion from the march.

Much of the forum was devoted to contrasting the actual experience of the march against preconceived notions constructed from extensive media coverage.

Cedric Rucker, associate dean for student activities, spoke of his initial reservations about the exclusion of women and gay population from the march. Out of support for his two sisters, who wanted to attend, Rucker said he originally planned not to go.

"Our community is very diverse and I thought something negative could come from segmenting the community," said Rucker.

Lewis, assistant professor of English, said that he was also unsure of whether to go due to the Nation of Islam leadership of the march.

"I'm not a follower of Farrakhan. He is a very motivational speaker but the problem is he's too extreme. This extremism and anti-Semitism ends up hurting people

he's trying to help," said Lewis.

Rucker, who also attended the civil rights March on Washington in 1963, said it wasn't until he happened to be in D.C. for the weekend and witnessed the conglomeration of people that descended on the city that he decided to go.

"I was in D.C. and saw that suddenly people started gathering together and it was just amazing. It started to be an uplifting and inspirational event. The population was from every walk of life. It did end up bringing together all segments of the community."

Lewis said that once he was on the Mall all prior concerns about the march and Farrakhan involvement quickly disappeared.

"Once I got to the march, it became obvious that it was a larger thing than Louis Farrakhan. It was not a militant thing, but a lot of people getting together to affirm that they wanted to do good and build community. It was a warm, content, peaceful day," said Lewis.

Chevonne Bray, a member of BOND who attended the march, also had reservations about the leadership of Farrakhan. He said that while he found a lot of what Farrakhan said "pretty far out there" it bothered him that media continually separated the message from the messenger. Bray said that who sponsored the march shouldn't have been such a bug issue.

"We wouldn't have gotten anywhere if we had been separated. Unity was the most important thing. No matter who says it, once the message is put out there as an idea, others can grasp onto and mold it," said Bray.

According to the panel, "a rainbow of faces"—white women and men, black women, Hispanics, and members of the gay community—were at the march to show their support.

Bray said that he liked the fact that the emphasis was on the black male population.

"This is something that black men need to do for themselves because all through history black women have been the most important and vital parts of the black community. And black men are, especially through gangsta rap, disrespecting them. We needed to wake up and acknowledge them for their loyalty and apologize to black women for disrespecting them."

Dell Hagan said that as a woman she was not offended

by the fact that women were not specifically invited.

"Society dictates what roles we play in discourse and everyday situations between men and women. I don't think that black men would have been able to bond as closely if women had been in the equation," said Hagan.

Another issue which several of the panelists mentioned was what they believed to be an erroneous estimation by the park service of the number of people at the march.

Jasper White said that he had no question that there were more than 400,000 people at the march. "It is important to discuss this in terms of the media's distortion. It is a blatant lie. The number is important and we must realize that."

The forum also highlighted the power of the march to change attitudes of white America who often stereotype black men as criminal, violent and lazy. Ellen Chafee, instructor of English, who only watched the march on television, said that the image of black men congregating peacefully was significant.

"Despite media bias, to merely see the picture of that many people on the mall was an incredibly powerful image. It momentarily disrupted the sight of what is usually seen of black men on the nightly news," said Chafee.

Those who attended said that to be at the march, in peaceful unity with the stranger at your side, was one of the most moving and unforgettable experiences in their life time.

"People at home will never understand the feeling of

holding the hand next to you and praying with that person and hugging them. The level of trust, the level of togetherness was amazing. It was wonderful. I can't put it into words," said Sam Clayton, vice president of BOND.

The Million Man March symbolized many things: unity, peace, anger, discipline, understanding and most importantly change.

"I'm changed. Before, even I sometimes got scared when a group of black men approached me on the street. That's one of the things they were trying to alleviate. Now, I remind myself to say hello, stop and ask how they're doing. And if they need any help, offer it," said Bray.

Most of the students and faculty in the audience of the forum did not go to the march and the majority of time was spent in a discussion oriented question and answer period.

"The most important thing is for blacks and whites to get together and talk about these issues. The way you learn is simply through talking and questioning," said Lewis.

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we do, and she could support us. No longer is there someone in the department who has done this," said Miley.

Miley said she sees the added responsibilities and duties as an opportunity for change, instead of doing things the way they've always been done.

"We're now in the position to create opportunities for students. Before the status quo was upheld. When we're faced with a challenge, we have to come up with a creative solution," said Miley.

Dominic said that although the six new area

coordinators are now doing a job originally intended for one person who could make unilateral decisions, she does not believe the AC's will have difficulty making quick and effective decisions.

"With six different people, there will have to be some collaborative decision-making. They have had this kind of experience before, in staff meetings," said Dominic.

Jackie Clark, area coordinator in Mason Hall, said the AC's will also take over some duties in residence life office.

"I don't think [added duties] will slow us down. Each one will take on one committee. Policy questions we will reconcile in our weekly staff meetings," said Clark.

Jennifer Kerby, area coordinator in Randolph Hall, said the empty upper level positions provide the AC's with more access to other campus groups.

"We have bigger opportunities to do more than with a typical entry-level job in residence life. We're getting more experience," said Kerby.

Kerby also said the AC's are discussing restructuring the residence life office and revising their job titles to reflect their added duties.

Ball Hall's Head Resident Angie Tweedy said the change would not affect the head residents as much as the

area coordinators.

"It's not going to affect me as much as the AC's. Before there were four full-time professionals, and now there are none. Since they have more to do, it's started to filter down a little, like there may not be as much personal attention to birthdays, recognition, etc.," said Tweedy.

James Pizorno, head resident of the foreign language houses, agreed that some things may be overlooked.

"I don't think it [the resignation] will affect me directly, but indirectly through the AC's. There's a lot of responsibility placed on them now. Somewhere along the line, things may not happen. It's not that their not capable, but it gets so hectic that something is going to be overlooked," said Pizorno.



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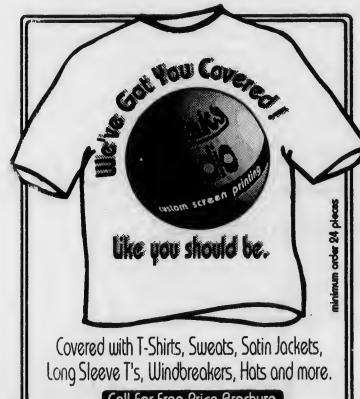
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